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SUBJECT: UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION MEETING IN MOSCOW

1. E/C COUNSELOR CALLED ON USA/CANADA INSTITUTE DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHERSHNEV APRIL 8 TO INQUIRE ABOUT UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION MEETING IN MOSCOW, APRIL 13-15.

2. SHERSHNEV STATED THAT MEETING WAS BEING HOSTED BY SOVIET ASSOCIATION FOR THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH SESSIONS TAKING PLACE IN SPUTNI HOTEL. WHEREAS STATE BANK DIRECTOR ALKHIMOV HAD BEEN FORSEEN AS CHAIRMAN OF SOVIET SIDE, HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE PARTICIPATE DUE TO A SCHEDULE CONFLICT. SCST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN GVISHIANI IS NOW SEEN AS SOVIET CHAIRMAN, ASSUMING HE RETURNS TO MOSCOW BY TIME OF MEETING. OTHERWISE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHAIRMAN BORISOV WILL HEAD SOVIET SIDE. USA/CANADA INSTITUTE DIRECTOR ARBATOV WILL BE OUT OF TOWN.

3. AS DEVELOPED FROM THIS CONVERSATION, FROM SOVIET STANDPOINT, MEAT OF SESSION WILL BE DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL ISSUES, WHERE THEY INTEND TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS ON UNDER-

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LYING PROBLEMS, PROSPECTS FOR COMPENSATION PROJECTS, ETC. (IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT THE RANKING MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIAL ATTENDING THE MEETING WILL BE VLADIMIR SUSHKOV, A DEPUTY MINISTER SPECIALIZING IN COMPENSATION, WHO ALSO BACKSTOPS ALKHIMOV ON THE US/USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL.) SHERSHNEV SAID THAT HIS OWN SPEECH WOULD BE KEYED AS RESPONSE TO RECENT YERGIN ARTICLE IN FOREIGN

AFFAIRS MAGAZINE.

4. IN ADDITION TO GLOBAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS SECTION FORESEEN IN EARLIER DRAFT AGENDA, THERE IS TO BE A SECTION ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. SHERSHNEV INDICATED THAT THIS WAS AT URGING OF US SIDE AND INCLUDED SUCH SUBJECTS AS GATT, THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, THE IMF AND CONVERTIBILITY OF THE RUBLE. HE SAID THAT SOVIETS INTENDED TO TAKE THEIR STANDARD POSITION ON THESE ISSUES; THERE IS NOTHING NEW TO BE SAID. FOREIGN TRADE BANK DIRECTOR YURIY IVANOV, (WHO IS NOT REGARDED AS MUCH OF AN INNOVATOR) IS CHARGED WITH PRESENTING THE SOVIET CASE ON THE IMF.

5. AS FOR GLOBAL ISSUES SUCH AS FOOD (MORDVINOV OF GOSPLAN WILL COVER), ENERGY, ETC., SHERSHNEV COULD NOT BE DRAWN OUT, EVEN BY REFERENCE TO THE BREZHNEV PROPOSAL FOR AN ENERGY "CONGRESS." HE LEFT THE INFERENCE THAT HE EXPECTS NO NEW GROUND TO BE BROKEN IN THESE AREAS.
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